Private developers for affordable houses for LIG

486. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has been considering to encourage private developers and builders to construct affordable houses which would be purchased by them for weaker sections and low income groups (LIG) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of private developers and builders who have shown interest for constructing low cost houses in the country;

(c) whether the housing shortage for weaker sections and low income groups is continuously increasing; and

(d) if so, the extent to which such shortage of houses is going to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy (NUHHP), 2007 intends to promote sustainable development of habitat in the country with a view to ensuring equitable supply of land, shelter and services at affordable prices to all sections of society. Given the magnitude of the housing shortage and budgetary constraints of both the Central and State Governments, the Policy focuses the spotlight on multiple stake-holders namely, the Private Sector, the Cooperative Sector, the Industrial Sector for labour housing and the Services/Institutional Sector for employee housing. In this manner, the Policy seeks to promote various types of public-private partnerships for realizing the goal of "Affordable Housing for All".

However, as the subjects 'land' and 'colonization' come under the purview of State Government, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to develop and implement models for associating private sector in initiatives envisaged under NUHHP-2007.

(c) and (d) According to the estimates made by the Technical Group constituted by the Ministry for assessment of the urban housing shortage at the end of the 10th Five Year Plan, the total housing shortage in the country is 24.71 million. Out of this, shortage of 24.67 million units is for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Group (LIG). The Technical Group has estimated an addition of 7.27 million dwelling units during the 11th Plan Period.

Housing scheme for poor

487. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that National Housing Board (NHB) is going to launch a scheme for owning a house by the poor under the scheme 'Bachat Awas Yojana';

(b) if so, the aims and objects of the scheme and the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame set for launching the scheme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) National Housing Bank (NHB) has conceptualized a savings linked housing loan scheme titled 'NHB—Bachat Awas Yojana' (NHB—BAY).

The Scheme is aimed at lower level employees of big organizations in Government, Public and Private Sector: such as lower ranks of Para-military and armed forces, other Government/Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) employees, industrial workers, nurses, other salaried class, etc. The objective of the scheme is to encourage savings among the lower income segments, which could be dovetailed to housing.

As the Scheme is at concept stage, no time frame has been set for launching of scheme.

Low cost housing

488. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a shortage of 19.4 million housing units in the country out of which 6.7 million units are required in urban areas;

(b) if so, how many units have been added during the last three years;

(c) the steps Government is taking to boost low cost housing in the country;

(d) the money that has been earmarked in this regard and money that has been spent in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) the role of the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to the estimates made by the Technical Group constituted by the Ministry for assessment of the urban housing shortage at the end of the 10th Five Year Plan, the total housing shortage in the country is 24.71 million.

The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), launched by the Government in the year 2005 caters to provision of housing and basic services to urban poor in 63 specified cities under the Sub Mission Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and in other cities and towns under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Corporation (IHSDP). A total of 1210039 dwelling units, covering 846796 dwelling units under BSUP and 363243 dwelling units under IHSDP have been approved for construction covering 651 cities/towns/Urban Local Bodies.

(c) and (d) The National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy, 2007 aims to promote development of cost effective, quality approved building materials and technologies with a view to bringing down the cost of houses. The policy seeks that the Central and State/UT